Statement by the spokesman of the EU High Representative Catherine Ashton on the attack against UNIFIL peacekeepers in Lebanon

The spokesperson of Catherine Ashton, High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and Vice President of the Commission, issued the following statement today:

"The High Representative strongly condemns the attack against UNIFIL peacekeepers today in Lebanon. She extends her sympathy to the French soldiers who were injured and their families as well as the people and government of France. This third incident within eight months highlights the increased security risk that the UNIFIL troops are facing when performing their essential peacekeeping work in the South of Lebanon. The High Representative urges the Lebanese authorities to improve the security situation and take all necessary action to investigate this incident, in close coordination with the United Nations."